improve the badly affected communication system of this backward State;

(c) whether Government are considering for the expansion of 4/5 R.L.V.s in different directions of Imphal;

(d) whether the other capital towns of Agartala, Shillong, Aizwal etc. of the North-East are having Cable Ducting; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to provide Cable Ducting in Imphal also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir. Out of 4 posts sanctioned, two posts have already been filled up. Remaining two posts could not be filled due to overall shortage of TES Group 'B' officers.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) At present there is no plan for RLU installation in Imphal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) About 1.45 route Km. of Cable Dut has been planned for Imphal during 1995-96.

Liquor Outlets Enroute National Highway

2418. MISS. SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the existence of liquor shops enroute national highways is one of the major causes of accidents on the national highways in the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey of the existing liquor outlets situated enroute the national highways in the country with details thereof;

(c) whether Government have any proposal to deprive the national highways of liquor outlets; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI M. RAJASEKHARA MURTHY): (a) The major causes of accidents of National Highways are both human error and mechanical defects of vehicles. No data on accidents due to the existence of liquor shops is available.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Licence for Liquor outlets are issued by State Governments. As per List II of Seventh schedule of the Constitution this is a State subject. However, the State Governments have been advised to see that no liquor shops are situated within safe distance of roads and National Highways.

चश्मा परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्र

2419. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय: क्या **विदेश** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को चश्मा परमाणु विद्युत संयंत्र की इमारत के ऊपर पाकिस्तान द्वारा चीन की मदद से निर्मित किए जा रहे गुम्बद के संबंध में प्रकाशित समाचार की जानकारी है; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार भारत की सुरक्षा पर पाकिस्तान की इस कार्यवाही के संभावित प्रभाव को देखते हुए कोई कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है, और यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

विदेश मंत्री (श्री प्रणव मुखर्जी): (क) सरकार ने इस आशय की खबरें देखीं हैं कि 21 नवम्बर, 1995 को चश्मा नाभिकीय उर्जा संयंत्र (चश्मु) की इमारत पर 184 टन का एक गुम्बद लगाया गया है। चश्मु 300 मेगावाट का एक ऊर्जा नाभिकीय संयंत्र है जो चाइना नेशनल न्यूक्लियर कारपोरेशन (सी०एन०एन०सी०) की मदद से बनाया जा रहा है, और जिसके अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय परमाणु उर्जा ऐजेन्सी के सुरक्षा उपायों के अन्तर्गत होने की उम्मीद है।

(ख) सरकार के पाकिस्तान के गुप्त शास्त्रोन्मुख नाभिकीय कार्यक्रम की जानकारी है। भारत की सुरक्षा स्थिति की निरन्तर समीक्षा की जाती है, विशेषकर

पड़ोस में होने वाली गतिविधियों को देखते हुए तथा सरकार देश की सुरक्षा को उत्पन्न होने वाले किसी भी खतरे का सामना करने के लिए सभी आवश्यक उपाय करने के प्रति वचनबद्ध है।

Proposal to reduce expenditure on VVIP security

2420. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of reduced terrorists' threat and the mounting expenditure on this head Government propose to revise the list of VVIP security cover;

(b) if so, by when and to what extent; and

(c) the total annual expenditure incurred in providing the above security cover especially in "Z" category separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SYED SIBTEY RAZI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The annual expenditure incurred in providing 'Z' category of security to the protectees by Delhi Police is about Rs. 5.37 crores.

Inception of social forestry scheme in Orissa

2421. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the yeare of inception of Social Forestry Scheme in Orissa;

(b) the progress of the scheme in that state since then;

(c) the steps taken to make the scheme a great success in the state; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The Social Forestry Scheme started in Orissa from 1983-84 with assistance from Swedish International Development Agency. The first phase of Social Forestry Scheme started in 1983-84 and continued till 1987-88. The second phase of this scheme was started in 1988-89 and will continue till 31st March, 1996. Under two phases of this scheme nearly 2.6. lakh ha. area has been treated and expenditure of Rs. 153.94 crores have been incurred till 30-6-95. In addition during the 1st phase 349 lakhs seedlings were also distributed.

(c) and (d) Increased people's participation in the management of forests is the major objective of these schemes. Accordingly, many forest protection Committees consisting of local villagers are working for the protection of forests in association with the forest department. In addition various training courses and workshops have been organised for the forest department staffs and local villagers for attitudinal alignment to work in tandem for betterment of forests and development of villages. Training have also been imparted for upgradation of technical skills of the forest department personnels in the various field of forest related activities.

Allocation for maintenance of roads

2422. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Madhya Pradesh and other State Governments have been repeatedly making representations pointing out allocations for original construction, maintenance and repairs of National Highways;

(b) whether according to State Governments the work of maintenance and widening of National Highways has suffered on this account; and

(c) if so, what additional funds have been demanded by the State